## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph at page 17, beginning at line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

When a network discovery scan is required or requested, the discovery module 400 first attempts to discover the network configuration and resources using the Salutation protocol (Step 501). The discovery module 400 calls a function slmQueryCapability() to determine ~~of~~ if the Salutation Manager (SLM) is present, indicating that the network 100 supports the Salutation protocol. The SLM returns a list of SLM Ids that are linked to Service Functional Units (SFUs). The discovery module 100 then performs a life check on the SLM and then verifies that the Service Functional Unit (SFU) is available. If so, the discovery module 400 calls the function slmOpenService to access the service described by the SFU. The SLM then in turn calls fnOpenService to ask the specific Functional Unit for access to the service.

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 25 with the following, shorter Abstract:

A method is disclosed for discovering data communication network configuration information. In the method the following steps are executed: invoking a network discovery function; executing the invoked network discovery function to examine the network using individual ones of a plurality of network configuration discovery protocols and, during the execution of the step of examining, building a list containing discovered network configuration information. The plurality of network configuration discovery protocols include a set of protocols selected from a Salutation protocol, a Service Location Protocol (SLP), a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Domain Name Services (DNS) protocols, and a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). ~~The DNS protocols may include at least one of a DNS SRV Record protocol, a DNS MX Record protocol, a DNS Start of Authority Protocol, a DNA NS protocol and a DNS PTR protocol. During the execution of the step of examining the network the individual ones of the plurality of network configuration discovery protocols are executed sequentially, such as in a sequence of the Salutation protocol, the SLP, the LDAP, the DNS protocols and the DHCP. The list is preferably stored as a location object in a persistent database, and a location object may be imported into the persistent database, or exported from the persistent database. For the case where the location object is exported from the persistent database, it can be made available to be imported into another persistent database. An application program queries the persistent database for a location object, and uses the network configuration information stored in the location object while connected or attached to a network from which the location object was derived.~~